and signed turn-key projects including business transacted at the above mentioned Exhibition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) This International Railway Equipment Exhibition was held at Calcutta by CII in cooperation with the Ministry of Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir. The statement was given by Chairman CII Industrial Furnaces Division who suggested that the Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON) and Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES) should collaborate with industry on a consortium basis and bid for larger scope in the international contracts.

(c) No foreign firm which particiapatsd in the 2nd IREE '94' signed turn-key projects or transacted business with Indian Railways.

Market Borrowing targets of Railways

2959. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have failed in their market borrowing targets for the second successive year;

(b) if so,, whether it is a fact that the Railways had raissd a total of Rs. 1009 crores upto March 1993;

(c) if so, to what extent the minimum targe was not achieved; and

(d) the reasons therefor and to what extent it had affected the programme of the Railway Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) The Railways do not resort to direct market borrowings. The Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a public sector udertaking under the Ministry of Railways, raises funds from the market for investment in railway assets.

Since its inception in December 1986 IRFC raised an amount of Rs. 5229.40 crores upto March 1993 for investment in railway assets.

During 1992-93, the revised target of Rs. 962 crores was met.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में नई रेललाइन बिछाने की योजना

2960. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने निकट भविष्य में हिमाचल प्रदेश को रेल सुविधा प्रदान करने हेतु नई रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिये कोई योजना बनायी है ; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या पर्यटन की दृष्टि से इस क्षेत्र के बढ़ते हुए महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए राज्य के महत्वपूर्ण पर्यटक स्थलों को रेल लाइन के साथ जोड़ने के लिए उक्त योजना में कोई प्रावधान किया गया है ; और

(ग) इस वर्ष इस क्षेत्र में किस-किस मीटर रेल लाइन को बड़ी रेल लाइनों में बदले जाने का प्रस्ताव है ? इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के0सी0 लेंका) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) कोई नहीं ।